

## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, line 3, with the following:

### **Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This invention is the national stage filing of international application PCT/US2004/035234 filed on October 21, 2004, which claims the benefit of US provisional application 60/516,958 filed on October 31, 2003, the complete disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. This invention also is related to the following copending application: US Ser. No. 10/700743, filed on the same day herewith, entitled "A Hygienic Tampon and an Absorbent Body Used in the Formation of a Tampon" (Att'y Docket, J&J-5085).